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## **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) An apparatus for evacuation of a storage bag comprising:

a case;

a flange <u>fixedly</u> mounted on said case, said flange operatively arranged to couple with a valve on said storage bag;

a fan, said fan operatively arranged to draw air through said flange and through said coupled valve; and,

a motor operatively arranged to drive said fan.

2. (original) The apparatus recited in Claim 1 further comprising:

a switch, said switch operatively arranged to be actuated by said valve of said storage bag when said storage bag is coupled to said flange, said switch enabling said motor to receive power when said switch is actuated.

3. (original) The apparatus recited in Claim 1 further comprising:

rechargeable batteries operatively arranged to supply power to said motor, said batteries operatively arranged to be recharged by an AC power connection.

- 4. (original) The apparatus recited in Claim 3 further comprising an indicator operatively arranged to indicate when said batteries are recharging.
- 5. (original) The apparatus recited in Claim 4 wherein said indicator is a light emitting diode.

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